

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SOURCES SOUGHT TO SUPPORT THE U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION APPLIED POLICY RESEARCH AGENDA

The U.S. Election Assistance Commission was established pursuant to Title II of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002. Among other things, the Act directs the Commission to conduct studies on a variety of election administration topics for the purpose of developing information and guidance to assist the States in implementing HAVA. In general, the types of research assistance required are policy analysis, legal and administrative procedures analysis, best practices, surveys, statistical, and cost-benefit analysis, within the subject field of election administration. All of this work is applied public administration and public policy research. The results will be used by the Commission to formulate policy guidance for promulgation to the States.

In Fiscal Year 2005, the EAC plans to conduct studies on a number of topics delineated under Title III, plus mandatory studies specified under Title II, Subtitle C. Possible subjects include:

- policy guidance regarding the implementation of computerized statewide voter registration lists (HAVA Section 303(a)
- policy guidance on provisional balloting procedures (HAVA Section 302)
- study of impact of voter identification requirements prescribed in HAVA Section 303(b)
- policy guidance on voter identification requirements in HAVA Section 303(b)
- policy guidance on the implementation of voting information requirements described in HAVA Section 303(b)
- study on electronic voting and the electoral process (HAVA Section 245)
- study on the establishment of a free absentee ballot postage program (HAVA Section 246)
- research on handicapped accessible voting machines (HAVA Section 301(a)(3)
- research on voting machines adaptable to alternative languages (HAVA Section 301(a)(4)

The EAC is interested in receiving capabilities statements from parties interested in bidding on any of this work. These statements should include:

- description of the offering organization
- presentation of the organization's capabilities to undertake specific study topics
- summary of staff education, experience, and qualifications
- three or more examples of relevant work performed in the past five years
- identification of any federal general schedule contracts (e.g., GSA schedule, MOBIS) for which your organization is pre-qualified

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Please do not make any inquiries by telephone. Any questions should be submitted by email.